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Use the link to see the [Holiday Schedule for Labor Day, September 4](#)

Supporting Hurricane Harvey Survivors and Preparation Resources

Montgomery County's Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security has been receiving many questions about support to the Gulf Region after Hurricane Harvey. Montgomery County continues to work with our state partners at the Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) to address incoming requests. We've also taken the opportunity to compile some information on our website to help answer any questions you may have about donating or volunteering after Harvey.

Please visit <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/oemhs/AfterTheDisaster.html> for some tips and resources about how you can help support the recovery of those affected by Hurricane Harvey. **At times like these, it's also important to assess how well you and your families are prepared for disasters.** To learn more about hurricanes, please visit <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/OEMHS/hazards/natural/hurricane.html>. Our resource library, located at <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/oemhs/resourcelibrary/index.html>, is also good source of preparedness information. Our Community Emergency Preparedness Workbook can be found in our resource library, and is now available in English, Spanish, French, Chinese, Amharic, Korean, Vietnamese, and Russian. Braille print copies are also available by request.

Potential volunteers are asked to register with a voluntary or charitable organization of their choice. The National and Texas VOAD websites are offering links to those who wish to register to volunteer with organizations working in the field.

National VOAD: <https://www.nvoad.org/>

Texas VOAD: <http://txvoad.communityos.org/cms/node/104>



National Preparedness Month Events

Just a short time remains to sign up for some of the County's National Preparedness Month events. Here is a short description of the five events that are coming up shortly:

1. Emergency Preparedness Seminar (Sept 1, 2:00pm-3:30pm): We'll discuss the different hazards faced by Montgomery County residents as well as resources to stay informed, write a plan, make a kit, and get involved. Topics covered include sheltering in place and evacuation, active assailant events, watches vs. warnings, events that have occurred in Montgomery County and issues faced by residents, ways to better prepare yourself during an emergency and how to keep informed.
2. Senior Emergency Preparedness Seminar (Sept 6, 1:00pm-2:30pm): Similar to the Emergency Preparedness Seminar, but focusing more on issues that seniors face during disasters. We'll provide you information and resources to continue your planning efforts.
3. Insurance Seminar (Sept 7, 7:00pm-8pm): Montgomery County will welcome Joy Hatchette, Associate Commissioner of Consumer Education and Advocacy from the Maryland Insurance Administration to provide information to residents about what consumers should do to be prepared for the effects of Natural Disasters, including how to properly document your property, how to review your policy to make sure you have enough coverage, and what resources will be available to you when a disaster does strike. The presentation is geared towards homeowners, as well as renters.
4. Business Emergency Preparedness Seminar (Sept. 8, 9am-12pm): Studies show that one in four businesses won't reopen after a disaster. Two out of five will go out of business within five years after a disaster. Learn how to keep your business from becoming one of those casualties. Topics in this presentation include differences between businesses that survive disasters and those that fail, conducting a risk assessment for your business, methods to build resilience into your business systems, sources of post-disaster assistance, steps to ensuring your business has the proper insurance and documentation, state and local business resources, and much more. This presentation is focused to business owners and those with the authority to influence business procedures to make them more resilient. Registration for this event is required.
5. Movie and a Message Event (Sept 9, 1:30pm-4:30pm): The movie Contagion (PG-13) will be shown and a discussion will take place regarding some of the themes of the movie. What's real vs. what's fiction, how does Montgomery County prepare for such an event, how can the community prepare, etc. Additional resources will be provided at the event to help develop family emergency plans and kits.

Registration links and more information about each event can be found in your NextDoor calendar, or by visiting our homepage at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/oemhs.



A note for Senior Adults . . .

Starting on September 2nd, Ride On “**Seniors Ride Free**” hours will be expanded on Saturdays to 8:30am – 4:00pm. Monday-Friday hours (9:30am – 3:00pm) will remain the same.

Poolesville Beauty Spot Re-opened

The Montgomery County Division of Solid Waste Services announces that the Poolesville Beauty Spot parking lot maintenance project has been completed and the facility has now re-opened. [Sign up for service updates and reminders.](#)

Public Meeting

Clearspring Manor Stream Restoration & Stormwater Management Project Wednesday, September 13

Stream Walk

Saturday, September 16

The Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) will have a public meeting and a stream walk to solicit input from the community on the proposed **Clearspring Manor Stream Restoration and Stormwater Management Project**. To learn the status of the project and other information, visit the DEP Watershed Restoration website at <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dep>.

Questions about the project? Contact Rebecca Winer-Skonovd at Rebecca.Winer-skonovd@montgomerycountymd.gov or (240) 499-8531.



Friendship Picnic Welcomes All to Celebrate Diverse Cultures and Faiths

Sunday, September 17 1:00pm-5:00pm

Wheaton Regional Park
2000 Shorefield Road, Wheaton

The Montgomery County Friendship Picnic is an opportunity for people from diverse cultures and faiths to come together to make new friends and discuss ways to build a stronger community. There will be a wide range of activities for children and adults including music, dancing, a moon bounce, face painting, carousel, train rides, and much more. In addition to the multiple recreation activities there will be a peace walk and small group discussions, which allow everyone to be heard, be valued and give voice to how we can move peaceably toward a respectful and nonviolent community.

All residents are invited to this free picnic which includes traditional, Kosher, Halal or vegetarian lunch options.



Stringtown Road Reopens

Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett joined Councilmembers Craig Rice and George Leventhal, along with Joann Woodson, president of Clarksburg Historical Society, Cecile Foreman, a longtime resident, David Flanagan, president of Elm Street Development, and many others. The [Stringtown Road project](#) widened the road to four lanes and added a sidewalk on one side and a bike path on the other. See [press release](#) | [photos from flickr](#)

The Danger is Real!

We all want our kids to stay safe this school year. Every driver can contribute to protecting our kids by knowing and obeying the Maryland school bus laws. Last school year, over 20,000 bus camera citations were issued to drivers who either failed to stop, or stopped for a moment and then continued to drive...even while children were crossing the road. [Read more about the law.](#)



New Entrances & Safety Measures at the Council Office Building

The Council Office Building, which is located at 100 Maryland Avenue in Rockville, has new security measures in place for your safety. For more information watch the [Council Office Building Security Video](#) . [Para más información vea el siguiente video.](#) [Click here for Press Release](#)

Montgomery County Council Seeks Applicants for Council Administrator

http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=21314

Planning Department Seeks Input on Update to Master Plan of Highways and Transitways

The Montgomery Planning Department is in the process of updating the Master Plan of Highways and Transitways and is seeking input through a recently launched digital interactive [feedback map](#).

The Master Plan of Highways and Transitways Technical Update will:

- More closely align the Master Plan of Highways and Transitways with the current County Road Code, which was amended in 2007 and 2013, to make roads more pedestrian-friendly and context-sensitive, and reflect a complete streets approach to road design.
- Modify road classifications to conform to full range of 2007 County Road Code road types.
- Correct inconsistencies in roads affecting multiple master plan areas.
- Create a user-friendly web interface to allow the public to examine and search for existing and planned elements of the master-planned transportation system.

This tool is being launched in advance of public community meetings planned in September and October 2017. Read more at

http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=21325



County Honors Its Fallen

Montgomery County honors ***U.S. Navy Electronics Technician 2nd Class Kevin Sayer Bushell, 26, from Gaithersburg***, and all his shipmates who made the ultimate sacrifice onboard USS John S. McCain (DDG 56). The McCain was involved in a collision with the merchant vessel Alnic MC in waters east of the Straits of Malacca and Singapore on August 21. The incident is under investigation to determine the facts and circumstances of the collision.

[U.S. Navy Release](#)

For more News from the Office of the County Executive, visit: <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/news>

For other news and meeting agendas, visit:

County Council http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/press_List.aspx?id=01

Planning Board http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/departments/news_releases

Also check out the latest from:

Department of Public Libraries <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library>

Department of Recreation <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/rectmpl.aspx?url=/content/rec/index.asp>

Department of Transportation <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot/index.html>

Department of Environmental Protection <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/deatmpl.aspx?url=/content/dep/dephome/index.asp>

Department of Permitting Services <http://permittingservices.montgomerycountymd.gov/DPS/general/Home.aspx>

Montgomery County Volunteer Center <http://www.montgomeryserves.org>

Office of Community Partnerships <http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs100/1102184431012/archive/1117215431562.html>

Commission for Women <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw/index.html>

Parks Department <http://www.montgomeryparks.org/>

Planning Department <http://montgomeryplanning.org/>